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SUBJECT: CSCE POLICY: HUMAN CONTACTS -- SPORT

REF: A. GENEVA 3453

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1. EC NINE TEXT ON SPORT (PARA 3, REFTEL A) WAS NOT INCLUDED IN WESTERN GLOBAL TEXT ON HUMAN CONTACTS AND INFORMATION DELIVERED TO SOVIETS MAY 15 (REFTEL B), BECAUSE FRG REP INDICATED HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO REVISE SPORT TEXT TO READ AS FOLLOWS (FRG PROPOSED ADDITION IN PARENTHESES):

BEGIN TEXT: THEY WILL ALSO FACILITATE CONTACTS AND EXCHANGES IN THE FIELD OF SPORT, INCLUDING SPORT MEETINGS AND COMPETITIONS OF ALL KINDS, (ON THE BASIS OF RULES, REGULATIONS AND GENERAL PRACTICES OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, THE WORLD SPORT FEDERATION AND INTERNATIONAL SPORT ORGANIZATIONS). END TEXT.

2. FRG REP HAS EXPLAINED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT VIEWS ADDITION ALONG THE LINES SET FORTH ABOVE AS NECESSARY TO PROTECT ITS POSITION THAT SPORTSMEN AND TEAMS FROM
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WEST BERLIN ARE ENTITLED TO TAKE PART IN INTERNATIONAL

COMPETITION UNDER THE WESTGERMAN BANNER. THE FRG IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT GDR ATTEMPTS TO CHARACTERIZE SUCH SPORTSMEN AND TEAMS AS REPRESENTATIVES OF WEST BERLIN RATHER THAN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. FRG REP INDICATED HE THOUGHT SUCH A PROVISION WOULD BE USEFUL IN VIEW OF GDR PLANS TO HOST AN "ALL EUROPEAN" SPORTS COMPETITION IN EAST BERLIN. WHILE FRG HAS NOT DETAILED ITS REASONING, WE PRESUME IDEA IS THAT INTERNATIONAL SPORT GROUPS HAVE ALL ACCEPTED UNQUALIFIED WEST BERLIN PARTICIPATION ON BEHALF OF FRG FEDERATIONS IN THEIR COMPETITIONS. INCORPORATION OF FRG PROPOSED LANGUAGE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THIS SHOULD BE PRACTICE FOR ANY SPORTS EVENTS CONVENED BY EAST EUROPEANS WITH REFERENCE TO CSCE. TEXT COULD ALSO BE CITED BY FRG IN BILATERAL DIFFICULTIES WITH EASTERN EUROPEAN SPORT GROUPS.

3. WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC PROBLEM WITH THE FRG AMENDMENT, AND NOTE THAT NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE MENTIONED ELSEWHERE IN CSCE TEXTS, E.G. THE REFERENCE TO THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES IN THE REGISTERED TEXT ON FAMILY REUNIFICATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT MAY BE UNWISE ON GENERAL POLICY GROUNDS TO IMPLY THAT THE USG IS SOMEHOW BOUND BY OR APPROVES OF DECISIONS BY INTERNATIONAL SPORTS BODIES, SUCH AS THE EXCLUSION OF SOUTH AFRICA FROM THE 1972 OLYMPIC GAMES.

4. IF THE DEPARTMENT HAS DIFFICULTIES WITH THE FRG TEXT, PERHAPS A GENERAL QUALIFICATION ALONG THE LINES OF "TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE GENERAL PRACTICES OF ESTABLISHED INTERNATIONAL SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS" COULD BE SUGGESTED TO THE FRG. REQUEST GUIDANCE. DALE

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